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OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA;

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON,

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LIST

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES,

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1818.

CLERGY.

- The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.* Deacon.
C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.
Paul T. Gervais, Rector of St. John's Colleton.
Philip Matthews, Rector of St. Helena's Church on St. Helena Island.
Albert Arney Muller, Deacon.
William Percy, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church. Radcliffeborough.
John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*—David Alexander, Charles Kershaw, Robert Hazlehurst, James Jervey, John Dawson, John Potter.
St. Philip's Church, Charleston.—Thomas Corbett, John Simmons Bee, Col. Thomas Roper, Maj. Henry H. Bacot.
St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.—William Brisbane.
Prince George's, Winyaw.—Francis Kinloch, Benjamin Huger, Maj. Thomas Carr, Maj. Samuel Wragg, John M. Taylor.
St. John's, Berkley.—Isaac Ball, Edward Simons.

The Protestant Episcopal Church on Edisto Island.—

Dr. Edward Mitchell.

All Saints.—John H. Tucker, Robert Withers.

Trinity Church, Columbia.—Hon. Theodore Gaillard, William Lance, Spencer J. Man.

St. John's, Colleton.—Lewis L. Gibbs.

St. Paul's.—William Washington.

St. James', Goosecreek.—Peter Smith.

St. Matthews.—Col. Edward Richardson.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, in Claremont county.—John Bay, Robert J. Turnbull, John S. Richardson.

St. James', Santee.—John Axson, John Middleton, Thomas C. Mitchell.

Christ Church.—Francis G. Deliesseline, James Gregorie.

The Protestant Episcopal Church on Sullivan's Island.
Gen. Daniel Elliot Huger.

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OF THE

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS, &c.

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Charleston, Tuesday, 17th, February, 1818.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South Carolina, several of the clergy and lay-delegates attended in St. Michael's Church at half past 10 o'clock; when divine service was performed by the Rev. William Percy, D. D. and the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Andrew Fowler. To these usual solemnities was added the celebration of the Lord's supper, according to a standing rule of the Convention.

After divine service, the Rev. Paul T. Gervais was called to the chair, and the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy acted as Secretary.

The following clergy, members of the Convention, appeared; and the following lay-delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved.

St. Michael's.

{ Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.
Deacon.
David Alexander,
Charles Kershaw,
Robert Hazlehurst,
James Jervey.

St. Philip's.

{ Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rec-*
tor.
Thomas Corbett,
John S. Bee,
Col. Thomas Roper,
Maj. Henry H. Bacot.

<i>St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.</i>	{ Rev. William Percy, D. D. <i>Rec- tor.</i> William Brisbane.
<i>Prince George's.</i>	{ Francis Kinloch, Benjamin Huger, Major Thomas Carr, Maj. Samuel Wragg.
<i>St. John's, Berkley.</i>	{ Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, <i>Rec- tor.</i> Isaac Ball, Edward Simons.
<i>Edisto Island.</i>	Dr. Edward Mitchell.
<i>All-Saints.</i>	{ John H. Tucker, Robert Withers.
<i>St. Helena's, St. Helena Island.</i>	{ Rev. Philip Matthews, <i>Rector.</i>
<i>Trinity.</i>	{ Hon. Theodore Gaillard, William Lance, Spencer J. Man.
<i>St. John's, Colleton.</i>	{ Rev. Paul T. Gervais, <i>Rector.</i> Lewis L. Gibbes.
<i>St. James', Goosecreek.</i>	Peter Smith.
<i>St. Matthews.</i>	Col. Edward Richardson.
<i>Claremont.</i>	John Bay.
<i>St. James', Santee.</i>	John Axson.
<i>Sullivan's Island.</i>	{ Rev. Albert Arney Muller, <i>Dea- con.</i> Gen. Daniel Elliot Huger.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the Convention proceeded to the election of a President, and of a Secretary and Treasurer, by ballot ; when it was found, that the Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. was elected President, and the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy unan-
imously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Lance, that the Protestant Episcopal Clergy, now in Charleston, and the Candidates for Holy Orders, who are not members of the Convention, be invited to attend during its sitting.

On motion of Gen. Huger, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, February 18, 1818.

The Convention met; and prayers were read by the Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved of, they took their seats: Wm. Washington, from St. Paul's parish; John Middleton, from St. James', Santee; and John M. Taylor, from Prince George's, Winyaw.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Journal of the last Convention was read.

Thomas C. Mitchell, from St. James', Santee, appeared and took his seat; his certificate having been yesterday received, read and approved of.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Muller, that the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Fowler for his excellent discourse, preached before them at the opening of the session.

The Secretary and Treasurer laid the following report before the Convention:—

“ The Secretary and Treasurer begs leave to report to the Convention that, in compliance with their direction at the last meeting, he wrote to the different Churches for voluntary contributions to defray the expenses of the Convention, but has only heard from two, who shall be hereafter mentioned. Whether the other Churches never received your Secretary's Circular, or from what other cause they never answered his application, he cannot say.

" St. Matthew's paid	-	-	-	\$30 00
" And Trinity Church, Columbia	-	-	-	10 00
" It will likewise appear from your Treas-				
" surer's last report, that he had then in				
" his hands	-	-	-	57 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			" Amount	\$97 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Out of this sum your Secretary paid Mr.				
" Hoff, for printing the Journals of the last				
" year, as per receipt	-	-	-	28 00
" He also bought a quire of paper				
" for the use of the Convention				37 $\frac{1}{2}$
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				28 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			Balance	\$69 00

" The Secretary and Treasurer begs the Convention immediately to appoint a committee to examine his Account, as he wishes to resign, and to deliver the books and papers, and pay over the balance to his successor.

" The Convention's

" Humble servant,

" JOHN JACOB TSCHUDY, *Sec'y. & Treas.*

Charleston, S. C. Feb. 18, 1818.

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, that the Secretary and Treasurer's report be accepted and confirmed so far as respects his account; and that the President be directed to request him to continue his services to the Convention in that office.

The President discharged the duty, enjoined upon him by the foregoing resolution; and the Secretary consented to continue in the office until the meeting of the next Convention.

It was then further moved by Gen. Huger, and unanimously carried, that the Secretary's report lie on the table.

The following was moved by the Hon. Theodore Gaillard, and unanimously adopted:

“ It has pleased Divine Providence, in his inscrutable wisdom, to take from this church its Bishop. *He was a burning and a shining light, and we rejoiced for a season in his light.* Talents of the first order, knowledge deep and extensive, virtue pure and exalted, zeal happily tempered by discretion,—in fine, the distinguishing excellencies of the sincere christian and the devoted minister render his removal a signal calamity to the church and to society. Time has not weakened in the smallest degree the impression of his uncommon merit; and the recurrence of this meeting has opened anew the wounds of our church. The members of this convention would mingle their sorrows on this occasion, and in expressing their feelings seek some alleviation.—Therefore

“ *Resolved*, 1st. That this Convention retain a lively recollection of the invaluable life, and the distinguished services to this Diocese, and the Church in general, of our late revered and beloved Diocesan.

“ 2dly. That this Convention will in their prayers earnestly supplicate the mercy of Almighty God on this bereaved Church, and especially that he would be pleased to guide them in the choice of a successor to the Episcopate; and they do affectionately request the prayers of all the members of our Church on this most important occasion.”

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, *Resolved* by all the Churches, excepting one, that the Convention forthwith proceed to the election of a Bishop.

John Dawson appeared as a delegate from St. Michael's Church, and took his seat; his certificate having been yesterday received, read and approved of.

It was moved by Thomas C. Mitchell, and second-

ed, that the Convention reconsider the foregoing resolution for the immediate election of a Bishop; but two Churches only appeared in favour of it.

Before the question was taken upon the foregoing motion, the following gentlemen appeared, and took their seats; their certificates having been yesterday received, read and approved of. Robert J. Turnbull, from Claremont; and John Potter from St. Michaels.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Bishop; when the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. was found to have the unanimous suffrages of all the clergy and the churches.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, and unanimously carried, that the President appoint two gentlemen to inform the Rev. Dr. Bowen of his election to the episcopate.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Gervais and the Rev. Mr. Tschudy were appointed for that purpose.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais and seconded, that a committee be appointed to draft some rules of order; but, after some little conversation upon the subject, the motion was withdrawn.

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, that a committee, consisting of one lay-man from each church, now represented in the Convention, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of the Bishop, and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable, for the benefit of the church.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: Hon. Theodore Gaillard, John Potter, Col. Thomas Roper, William Brisbane, Maj. Thomas Carr, Isaac Ball, Dr. Edward Mitchell, John H. Tucker, Lewis L. Gibbes, William Washington, Peter Smith, Col. Edward Richardson, Robert J. Turnbull, John Middleton, and Gen. Daniel Elliot Huger.

The report of the Standing Committee was read, approved of, and confirmed.

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, that so much of that report as respects the death of the late Bishop, and likewise as regards the Sunday Schools, be entered on the journals of the Convention.

In compliance with the said resolution, the following is extracted from the report of the Standing Committee :

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, respecting the death of the late Bishop.

“ The Committee appointed at the last meeting, “ to express the sentiments of this Board, in relation “ to the loss sustained by the Church in the death of “ its Bishop, and to consider what proceedings are “ rendered necessary by that unexpected and distressing event, beg leave respectfully to submit the “ following observations :

“ In the Christian Church the Bishop is the chief “ counsellor in spiritual matters, the guardian of its “ unity in faith and worship, the only dispenser of “ the apostolical and useful rite of confirmation, and “ the only means of preserving the succession of the “ sacred ministry. Without a Bishop, the church is “ in an imperfect state, as a body without a head.

“ The diocese of South-Carolina had been for “ more than ten years without this important officer ; “ and an indifference to the distinguishing principles “ of our church was gradually extending itself. By “ a happy union of sentiments in both the clergy and “ the laity, the Rev. Dr. Dehon was elected Bishop ; “ and the difficulties in his own mind, in the way of “ his acceptance of this office, being happily removed by a kind providence, he was consecrated on the “ 15th October, 1812. To the duties of this station “ he immediately devoted himself.

“ He administered confirmation to a great number

“ in most of the parishes of the diocese. He visit-
 “ ed every parish under his care, and, by particular
 “ request, the church in Georgia; and considering
 “ that he had the sole charge of a very large congrega-
 “ tion in this city, that our climate permitted him
 “ to travel only during half of the year, and that many
 “ of the churches were remote from his residence,
 “ his visitations were very frequent. He consecrat-
 “ ed several churches, and was active in endeavour-
 “ ing to revive the worship of the church where it
 “ had been neglected, and to establish it in those pla-
 “ ces where it was unknown, and particularly in Co-
 “ lumbia, the capital of the State, and the seat of its
 “ College. He presided in the convention of this
 “ diocese with singular dignity, judgment and impar-
 “ tiality, and in his annual addresses enforced the best
 “ cautions and directions in the most affectionate and
 “ persuasive manner. He guided the conduct of the
 “ clergy by the influence of affection, and encourag-
 “ ed them by his example to love each other and
 “ their sacred calling more and more. He took
 “ every opportunity to encourage capable persons,
 “ and particularly pious and intelligent youths, to de-
 “ vote themselves to the ministry; superintended in
 “ a detailed and particular manner the studies of the
 “ candidates; and, before he ordained them, strictly
 “ examined their proficiency in every branch requir-
 “ ed by the canons. He uniformly attended the meet-
 “ ings of the general convention of the church, al-
 “ though from the remoteness of this diocese from
 “ the place of session, and the season in which they
 “ were held, he was subjected to much inconveni-
 “ ence and hazard of health and life. He discharg-
 “ ed the various functions of the apostolical office
 “ with a dignity and feeling of the most engaging
 “ character.

“ Deeply afflicted by the loss of services so valua-

“ ble, and of an example so instructive, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese have deemed it proper to adopt the following resolutions:

“ Resolved, that the Standing Committee feel their responsibility greatly increased by the death of their Bishop, and they now engage themselves to the church to do all they can to promote her welfare.

“ Resolved, that the Secretary of the Standing Committee be requested to write to the Right Rev. Wm. White, D. D. presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, informing him of the melancholy loss, which the church has sustained in the death of the late Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Bishop of the diocese of South Carolina, on the 6th of August, 1817. And that the presiding Bishop be requested, when he communicates this mournful bereavement to the venerable house of Bishops, to solicit the prayers of our Right Rev. Fathers in behalf of the clergy of this diocese, that the Almighty would graciously bestow upon them a double portion of his spirit, that they may daily increase in wisdom, piety and zeal, and so faithfully and diligently discharge their sacred functions, that God may be glorified, and man be saved.

“ Resolved, that it be respectfully recommended to the Ministers, the Vestries and the congregations in this diocese, to meditate seriously on this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, to humble themselves before God, and to beseech him fervently and frequently through Jesus Christ our Lord *to rule and govern his holy church in the right way.*

“ Resolved, that the Ministers and people of our church in general be requested to supplicate the divine mercy in behalf of an afflicted church.

“ Resolved, that a copy of these proceedings be transmitted by the Secretary to the Right Rev.

“ Bishop White, and also to the Rector and Vestry of every Parish in this diocese, that it may be read in their respective churches in this diocese.”

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, relative to the establishment of Sunday schools.

“ The Standing Committee were informed, that the persons, who held subscription papers for the establishment of a Sunday school in our churches, were desirous of paying over the several sums collected by them to some authorized agent, for the purpose of carrying that object into effect: wherefore it was on motion resolved unanimously.—

“ First, that this Committee do appoint a Treasurer, to take charge of the Sunday-school fund, and to report quarterly his receipts and disbursements to this Committee; and that, so soon as a Bishop shall be appointed for this diocese, this fund shall be paid over to him, in conformity to the design of the original contributors thereto:—

“ Secondly, that a Catechist be immediately appointed, subject to the control of this Committee, whose duty it shall be to instruct his pupils on the Lord's day, in conformity to the plan signed by the subscribers; and that he shall be authorized to draw from the Treasurer for his services for the first quarter the sum of \$150:—

“ Thirdly, that in conformity to the original proposals, which were signed by the contributors, the contributions of the subscribers for life shall be immediately vested in such stock as the Standing Committee may direct, so as to create a permanent fund for the benefit of Sunday schools on the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

“ The committee proceeded to an election; and the Rev. Andrew Fowler was elected Catechist, and

“the Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D. was elected Treasurer.”

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, Resolved, that the President appoint the next Standing Committee, and that he be requested to place himself upon the list.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed:—

The Rev. Wm. Percy, D. D.	John Dawson,
Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
Rev. Andrew Fowler,	Dr. Jos. Johnson,
Rev. John J. Tschudy,	Thomas Corbett,
Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Peter Smith,
Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D.	James Jervey.

On motion of Judge Gaillard, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, February 19th, 1818.

The Convention met; and prayers were read by the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.

Francis G. Deliesseline appeared as a delegate from Christ Church, and presented his certificate, which being read and approved of, he took his seat.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention, were presented by the clergy, and read.

St. Michael's Church.

Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D. *Deacon.*

Marriages, 11.—Baptisms, 83.—Funerals, 50.

Communicants, about 350 whites, and 130 persons of colour.

St. Philip's Church.

Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rector.*

15 adults,

105 infants.

Baptisms, 120.—Marriages, 30.—Burials, 135.

Communicants, about 320 whites, and 180 persons of colour.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

Rev. William Percy, D. D. *Rector.*

Baptisms, 14.—Burials, 15.—Marriages, 7.

Communicants, from 60 to 70.

St. Helena's Church, Beaufort.

Rev. John B. Campbell, *Rector.*

Burials, 14.—Baptisms, 10.—Marriages, 4.

Communicants, 5 new ones added, and 3 died within the last year.

This report was forwarded to the convention.

Prince George's.

Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *Deacon.*

Baptisms, 10.—Marriages, 4.—Burials, 9.

Communicants, as before.

This report was likewise forwarded to the Convention.

S. John's, Berkley.

Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, *Rector.*

Baptisms, 3.—Marriages, 3.—Funerals, 13.

Communicants, 40 whites and 15 blacks: 7 white and 3 black communicants were added during the past year; whilst 2 white communicants died, and 2 removed from the parish.

St. Stephen's.

Rev. Albert A. Muller, *Missionary.*

Baptisms, 3.

Edisto Island.

Rev. Paul, T. Gervais, *Visitor.*

Marriages, 1.—Baptisms, 1.

All Saints'.

Rev. Andrew Fowler, *Visitor*.

Baptisms, 1 child.—Funerals, 3.

Communicants, 18 whites and 20 blacks.

This report was forwarded to the convention.

St. Helena's Church, St. Helena Island.

Rev. Philip Matthews, *Rector*.

Baptisms, 2.—Marriages, 1.—Funerals, 32.

Communicants, 13; one having died the last year, and one having been added.

St. John's, Colleton.

Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *Rector*.

Baptisms, 1.—Funerals, 2.

Communicants, 12 white persons and one black person.

St. Bartholomew's,

Rev. Philip Matthews, *Visitor*.

Funerals, 1.—Marriages, 1.

St. Matthew's,

Rev. Albert A. Muller, *Missionary*.

Baptisms, 5.

Lower St. Mark's,

Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, *Visitor*.

Baptisms, 5.—Communicants, 18.

Trinity Church,

Rev. Christian Hanckel, *Rector*.

3 adults,

9 infants.

Baptisms 12.

2 adults,

1 infant.

Funerals, 3.—Communicants, about 20.

Claremont.

Rev. Christian Hanckel and Albert A. Muller, *Visitors.*

2 adults,

6 children.

Baptisms, 8.—Marriages, 3.

Communicants, about 30.

St. James', Santee.

Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Andrew Fowler and Albert A. Muller, *Visitors.*

Baptisms, 17.—Funerals, 1.

Communicants, about 18.

Christ Church.

Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. *Visitor.*

6 adults,

4 infants.

Baptisms, 10.—Communicants, about 30.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, *Visitor.*

Baptisms, 1.

Sullivan's Island.

Rev. Albert A. Muller, *Deacon.*

Baptisms, 5.—Marriages, 2.—Funerals, 2.

Communicants, about 30.

The Rev. Mr. Gervais, from the committee appointed to wait upon the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. and inform him of his election to the Episcopate, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and had received from him an answer by letter: which letter was handed to the President, and read to the Convention.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Bay, and unanimously adopted, that the letter of the Bishop elect be entered upon the journals: which is as follows,—

To the Rev. Paul T. Gervais, and the Rev. J. J. Tschudy.

GENTLEMEN,

You are aware, that it is now too late for me to hesitate to assent to the wish, with the expression of which, you have been charged, in behalf of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of this State. Yet you will readily conceive, with what feelings, I find myself in circumstances, which constrain my acceptance of the Episcopal office, as the immediate successor of one, so eminently qualified for it, as he was, of whom it has been the will of a mysterious Providence that this diocess, should be bereaved. Should I, however, be canonically invested with this office, I will endeavour to perform its duties: trusting in the Lord "who heareth prayer," for aid to sustain its burden; and looking with an animating confidence to the same candour and kindness of my brethren, both of the clergy and laity, in which I am invited to this station, for the countenance assistance and support, in the active discharge of its obligations, which I shall so indispensably require.

But while I thus assent to the wishes of my brethren, expressed in a manner which encourages the persuasion, that I could not decline them, without violating duty; it becomes me to say to the Convention, through you, that, under existing circumstances, the Parish of which I have consented to be the minister, must chiefly claim my time, attention and care; and that I shall, unavoidably, be restricted in the exercise of the functions of the Episcopate, within the limits which my duties as the Pastor of a particular congregation will prescribe, until the diocess shall by some assistance extended to the necessity of the case, enable the vestry of St. Michael's Church, to associate with me a second minister in the performance of those duties. The liberal exertions made by the

vestry and congregation of that church to provide for the support of the office, which I am to sustain in relation to *them*, superadded to the intimate and interesting nature of that relation itself, certainly give their case a peculiar claim to anxious consideration on my part, and will, I trust, be deemed by the Convention a good title to similar consideration on theirs; especially when it is recollected, that to the lot of *that Church*, it fell, to maintain the Episcopate in the last instance, and to surrender largely to the demands of their sister churches, the much valued services of their only minister.

Permit me also, gentlemen, to convey to the Convention through you, my thanks for the honour, which this expression of their sentiments has done me; and accept for the kind and affectionate manner in which you have borne it to me, the cordial acknowledgments of your affectionate brother,

N. BOWEN.

Charleston, Feb. 18, 1818.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais. and carried, that the President appoint two clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution. the President appointed the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Paul T. Gervais in the case of his failure.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of delegates to attend any meeting of the General Convention, that may be called before the next annual meeting of this diocesan convention, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the President appoint the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed:—

The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Thomas Corbett,
John J. Tschudy,	Gen. D. E. Huger,
J. B. Campbell,	Robert J. Turnbull,
Andrew Fowler,	Thomas C. Mitchell.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the Convention forthwith proceed to sign the testimonials of the Bishop elect, according to the directions of the third canon: which was immediately done.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, as it was a standing rule of the convention during the Episcopate of our late beloved diocesan, whenever it finally adjourned, to conclude with prayers and the episcopal benediction, that the President be respectfully requested, whenever this Convention do adjourn, to conclude with prayers and the blessing.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Muller, that this Convention derive much satisfaction from the information, that the late General Convention have deemed it expedient to establish, for the better education of the candidates for holy orders in this church, a general Theological Seminary; and that the persons, appointed to visit the several parts of the United States, and solicit contributions towards funds for founding and endowing such an institution, have entered on the duty with much zeal, and already had considerable success: and they feel persuaded, that, as this measure was strenuously advocated by our late honoured Diocesan, and was often recommended by this Convention to the attention of the church in general, so it will meet with a generous patronage in this diocess.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the Convention view, with great satisfaction, the increasing prosperity of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of christianity in South-Carolina," and contemplate with delight, the prospect of its extensive usefulness. The Convention,

therefore, feel it to be a duty they owe to the church of the Redeemer, earnestly to recommend this Society to the patronage of the members and friends of the church throughout the diocese; believing that it will, under the good providence of God, be the happy instrument of extending the borders of our Zion, and of making the desert to become a green pasture for the fold of the living God.

The Hon. Theodore Gaillard, as chairman of the committee, appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop,—and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable for the benefit of the church, presented the following report, which was immediately read:—

“ The committee, to whom was referred the resolution to enquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable for the benefit of the church, report that it is expedient to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop; and they recommend the following resolutions:—

“ 1st. That it is expedient to raise a fund by subscription, to be called the Bishop’s permanent fund, for the support of a Bishop of the diocese of the State of South-Carolina;—

“ And they recommend, that a person be appointed in each parish of the diocese by the President of the Convention, whose duty it shall be to call upon the Episcopalians in his parish, and to transmit such monies, as he shall collect, to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of christianity in South-Carolina, to be by him invested in bank-stock, government-security, or otherwise, as the board of Trustees of that Society shall deem expedient,—

“ That the certificates of stock, or evidences of property purchased, shall be in the incorporated

“ name of the Society, in trust for the Bishop’s permanent fund,—

“ That not more than three-fourths of the annual income of the said fund shall be applicable to the support of a Bishop, and that the remaining one-fourth shall go toward the accumulation of the fund.

“ 2d. That, whenever the annual income of the fund, liable to appropriation, shall augment to the sum of \$4000, the excess shall be at the disposal of the Convention of this State;—

“ And that it be recommended to the President of the Convention, to write a circular letter to each person, whom he may appoint in the several parishes, stating the views and designs of the Convention, as regards the Bishop’s permanent fund.

“ 3d. That within three months from this time in the present year, and that in every year hereafter, a sermon shall be preached in every church in this diocese, in aid of the support of a Bishop, until the Bishop’s fund shall be adequate thereto; and that the sums collected be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and be applicable to the immediate support of the Bishop.

“ 4th. That the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of christianity in South-Carolina be requested to contribute to this object.

“ 5th. That the Rev. Mr. Muller be requested to deliver to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society the money, notes and orders, received by him on account of the Bishop’s fund; and that the thanks of the Convention be given to Mr. Muller for his exertions and zeal in behalf of the church, in obtaining contributions for this fund.

“ 6th. That it be recommended to every parish, in which there is an episcopal congregation, and in which no funds, or insufficient funds have been provided for a minister, to agree to pay, each member

of the congregation, a certain per centage on the amount of his general tax, or to adopt any other mode, which may be deemed most advisable to raise a permanent fund for the decent support of a minister; the said fund to be allowed to accumulate, until there shall be an income therefrom, sufficient for the object proposed;—and that the monies, received on this account, be transmitted to the Treasurer of the board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society, to be invested by the trustees of the said board in bank-stock, government-securities, or other property, in trust for the ministers of the parishes, from which the said sums shall be received, respectively;—and that the funds, received as aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the support of the ministers aforesaid, who shall always be obliged to comply with the rubrics and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina, as authorized and sanctioned by the authority of the Convention of the same.”

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the report be taken up by paragraphs, and the sense of the Convention taken on each.

The preamble and the first paragraph of the first resolution having been read, they were, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, accepted and confirmed.

When the second paragraph of the first resolution was read, it was moved by Mr. Alexander, and carried, that the words *a person* be erased, and these words inserted instead thereof, *one or more persons*.

The paragraph, thus amended, was unanimously adopted; and so was also the third paragraph.

The fourth paragraph of the first resolution having been read, it was amended, on motion of Mr. Brisbane, by substituting the word *remainder* for these words *remaining one-fourth*: and the paragraph, thus amended, was unanimously adopted.

After reading the first paragraph of the second resolution, it was moved by Gen. Huger, and unanimously carried, that it be amended by erasing the words *augment to*, and inserting these words instead thereof, *amount to more than*.

It was then moved by Maj. Carr, and seconded, still further to amend the paragraph by adding the following clause:—"and the Bishop shall then immediately cease to be the Rector of any particular church."

When the subject had been much debated, it was moved by Judge Gaillard, and carried, that the foregoing amendment be amended by adding these words:—"unless the restriction be removed by the Convention."

The foregoing amendment, thus amended, was adopted; and finally the paragraph with the amendments.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Friday, Feb. 20th. 1818.

The Convention met; and prayers were read by the Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

The following lay-delegates appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved of, they took their seats: James Gregorie, from Christ Church; and John S. Richardson, from Claremont.

The minutes of Wednesday and yesterday were read.

The consideration of the report presented yesterday, and which was left unfinished, when the Convention adjourned, was now resumed.

It was moved by Mr. Turnbull, and carried, that the preamble be amended by inserting after the first two words the following, *consisting of lay-delegates, one from each church now represented in the Convention*.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Turnbull, that the following be substituted in the place of the second paragraph of the second resolution:—"That it be recommended to address a circular letter to each person, who may be appointed as above-mentioned, stating the views and designs of the Convention, as regards the Bishop's permanent fund; and that this letter be signed by all the members of the committee."

After the third resolution was read, it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, and seconded, after the words *in every church in this diocese*, to insert the following, *with the approbation of its vestry*; but the motion was lost.

It was then moved by Mr. Corbett, and seconded, to amend the resolution by inserting, after the words *adequate thereto*, the following, *and that the Vestries of the several churches be requested to appoint persons to make the collections*: which amendment was likewise lost.

The question was afterwards taken upon the third resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

After reading the fourth, fifth and sixth resolutions, they were all unanimously adopted.

Another resolution was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, in addition to the rest; which was seconded, and reads thus:—"Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of christianity in South-Carolina be allowed a per centage upon all monies, as well received as paid away in consequence of the foregoing resolutions."

Before the question was taken upon the resolution, it was moved, and carried, to fill up the blank with the number 1.

The question was then taken upon the resolution, and lost.

Mr. Jervey afterwards offered the following resolution, which was carried, and thus became the 7th. "*Re-*

“ *solved*, that the Treasurer be allowed such compensation, as the board of Trustees shall deem proper.”

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, that the fourth resolution be amended by inserting, after the words *in South-Carolina*, those that follow, *and the Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South-Carolina*.

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, to amend the second paragraph of the second resolution by striking out the word *all*.

It was moved by Mr. Jervey, and seconded, to amend the sixth resolution by striking out as follows, *to agree to pay, each member of the congregation, a certain per centage on the amount of his general tax, or*—and also to strike out the word *other*: which motion was lost.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Bee, that the third resolution be amended by substituting the word *five* instead of *three*.

The report, thus amended, was unanimously accepted and confirmed, and is as follows:—

“ The committee, consisting of lay-delegates, one from each church now represented in the Convention, to whom was referred the resolution to enquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable for the benefit of the church, report that it is expedient to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop; and they recommend the following resolutions:—

“ 1st. That it is expedient to raise a fund by subscription, to be called the Bishop’s permanent fund, for the support of a Bishop of the diocese of the State of South-Carolina;—

“ And they recommend, that one or more persons be appointed in each parish of the diocese by the President of the Convention, whose duty it shall be

“ to call upon the Episcopalians in his parish, and to
 “ transmit such monies, as he shall collect, to the
 “ Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society for
 “ the advancement of christianity in South-Carolina,
 “ to be by him invested in bank-stock, government-
 “ security, or otherwise, as the board of Trustees of
 “ that Society shall deem expedient,—

“ That the certificates of stock, or evidences of
 “ property purchased, shall be in the incorporated
 “ name of the Society, in trust for the Bishop’s per-
 “ manent fund,—

“ That not more than three-fourths of the annual
 “ income of the said fund shall be applicable to the
 “ support of a Bishop, and that the remainder shall
 “ go toward the accumulation of the fund.

“ 2d. That, whenever the annual income of the
 “ fund, liable to appropriation, shall amount to more
 “ than the sum of \$4000, the excess shall be at the
 “ disposal of the Convention of this State; and the
 “ Bishop shall then immediately cease to be the Rec-
 “ tor of any particular church, unless the restriction
 “ be removed by the Convention;—

“ And that it be recommended to address a circu-
 “ lar letter to each person, who may be appointed as
 “ above-mentioned, stating the views and designs of
 “ the Convention, as regards the Bishop’s permanent
 “ fund; and that this letter be signed by the members
 “ of the committee.

“ 3d. That within five months from this time in
 “ the present year, and that in every year hereafter,
 “ a sermon shall be preached in every church in this
 “ diocese, in aid of the support of a Bishop, until the
 “ Bishop’s fund shall be adequate thereto; and that
 “ the sums collected be transmitted to the Treasurer
 “ of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and be appli-
 “ cable to the immediate support of the Bishop.

“ 4th. That the Protestant Episcopal Society for
 “ the advancement of christianity in South-Carolina;

“ and the Society for the relief of the widows and
 “ orphans of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal
 “ Church in the State of South-Carolina, be request-
 “ ed to contribute to this object.

“ 5th. That the Rev. Mr. Muller be requested to
 “ deliver to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episco-
 “ pal Society the money, notes and orders, received
 “ by him on account of the Bishop’s fund; and that the
 “ thanks of the Convention be given to Mr. Muller
 “ for his exertions and zeal in behalf of the church,
 “ in obtaining contributions for this fund.

“ 6th. That it be recommended to every parish, in
 “ which there is an episcopal congregation, and in
 “ which no funds or insufficient funds have been pro-
 “ vided for a minister, to agree to pay, each member
 “ of the congregation, a certain per centage on the
 “ amount of his general tax, or to adopt any other
 “ mode, which may be deemed most advisable to
 “ raise a permanent fund for the decent support of a
 “ minister; the said fund to be allowed to accumu-
 “ late, until there shall be an income therefrom, suf-
 “ ficient for the object proposed;—and that the mo-
 “ nies, received on this account, be transmitted to the
 “ Treasurer of the board of Trustees of the Protes-
 “ tant Episcopal Society, to be invested by the Trus-
 “ tees of the said board in bank-stock, government-
 “ securities, or other property, in trust for the minis-
 “ ters of the parishes. from which the said sums shall
 “ be received, respectively;—and that the funds, re-
 “ ceived as aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the
 “ support of the ministers aforesaid, who shall al-
 “ ways be obliged to comply with the rubrics and
 “ canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-
 “ Carolina, as authorized and sanctioned by the au-
 “ thority of the Convention of the same.

“ 7th. That the Treasurer be allowed such com-
 “ pensation, as the board of Trustees shall deem
 “ proper.”

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Muller, that the journal be printed.

On motion of Gen. Huger, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1818.

The Convention met; and prayers were read by the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The following resolution was proposed by Maj. Carr, and seconded, but rejected by a very large majority:—" *Resolved*, that the delegates from this Convention to the General Convention be requested to propose to that body an alteration of the twentieth canon, so as to require the several Bishops to visit the churches of their respective dioceses, once in each year at least."

It was moved by Mr. Bay, and unanimously carried, that 500 copies of the journal of this year be struck off.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, that the thanks of the Convention be given to the Secretary for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Gadsden for his able and impartial discharge of the duties of President of this Convention, during a highly interesting and important session.

Whereupon the Rev. President rose, and addressed the Convention: which address was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Muller, respectfully requested of the President by an unanimous vote, in order to be inserted on the journals, and is nearly as follows—

"GENTLEMEN,—I thank you for your approbation; and I hope I may be permitted to indulge my feelings in expressing to you my thanks for the support you have given to the chair, and, what is of more consequence, and still more gratifying to me, the

“ support you have given to the church. At no con-
 “ vention has your time been so long and constantly
 “ employed. At no convention has more talent, learn-
 “ ing and eloquence been exhibited. It is pleasant,
 “ and a cause for gratitude to God, to behold those
 “ powers of the mind, which have adorned and bless-
 “ ed our country in private and public life, in a civil and
 “ military capacity, in congress, in the legislature, and
 “ on the bench, here brought into the service of the
 “ church. In the days of primitive christianity it was
 “ said, *not many mighty, not many noble are called;*
 “ but may we not hope, that we have arrived at the
 “ dawn of that brighter period, of that predicted pe-
 “ riod, when the rich, and the wise, and the honoura-
 “ ble, shall embrace the gospel, and the banner of the
 “ cross shall wave triumphantly over the world?

“ At no convention has there appeared more zeal
 “ and unanimity, attachment to the true principles of
 “ the church, and liberality of sentiment, and so strong
 “ a disposition to contribute generously to the sup-
 “ port of religious institutions. This temper may
 “ be expected to draw down the blessing of Almight-
 “ ty God on his church. Under its influence the
 “ church of your fathers and your affections cannot
 “ but flourish. Her waste places will be restored;
 “ and religion, in the march of civilization to the
 “ west, will cause the wilderness and the solitary place
 “ to be glad thereof, and that moral desert to rejoice
 “ and blossom as the rose. Permit me to observe,
 “ that this zeal is the sure basis of your individual
 “ prosperity, and that of your country; for the pro-
 “ mise of God is absolute: *Honour the Lord with thy*
 “ *substance, and with the first fruits of all thine in-*
 “ *crease; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and*
 “ *thy presses shall burst out with new wine.—Happy*
 “ *are the people, that are in such a case; yea, blessed*
 “ *are the people, who have the Lord for their God.*

“ It is a pleasant reflection, that this zeal has been

“ excited by the wants of the church, and has appear-
 “ ed when most needed. It seems to have been ex-
 “ cited by the greatest calamity, which could have be-
 “ fallen our church. It seems as if the death of that
 “ distinguished man, our good Bishop, has excited a
 “ proper solicitude for the church in every breast,—
 “ as if every man felt himself called upon to step
 “ into the breach, and to place the church upon that
 “ elevation, which would render her hereafter less
 “ liable to be affected by individual deaths. May you
 “ carry this zeal to your homes, and may it spread
 “ throughout your respective parishes! May it ani-
 “ mate the bosom of every member of the church!
 “ I cannot but consider, that this good feeling is an
 “ answer to the frequent and ardent prayers of our
 “ late Bishop,—an answer to the prayers of the pious
 “ in behalf of the church, excited by his unexpected
 “ loss,—an answer to the prayers of several of the
 “ members of the Convention on this occasion.

“ My brethren, the scenes of time must close. The
 “ scenes of eternity will soon open upon us. We must
 “ all appear at another convention. At that day, wea-
 “ ry and heavy laden with the burden of sin, I doubt
 “ not that some of you will recur with satisfaction to
 “ the transactions of this Convention. May all of you
 “ be enabled to say: *Remember me, O my God, concern-*
 “ *ing this, and wipe not out my good deeds, which I*
 “ *have done for the house of my God, and the offices*
 “ *thereof.* It is the wish of my heart, and it shall be my
 “ ardent prayer, that every one of you may obtain
 “ mercy at that day through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Brisbane, that all the Journals of this Convention be published in a volume, by subscription; and that the President appoint a committee of three, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to that end, and of superintending the publication.

Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, and Messrs. Brisbane and Bay were appointed the committee.

After prayers and the blessing, the Convention adjourned.

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER E. GADSDEN.

(Attested) JOHN JACOB TIERUDY.